

2022
CARTERET COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
NEWPORT GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1.1

This organization shall be known as the Newport Girls Softball League. ***Amendment 17.21*** ***Amendment 17.63***

SECTION 1.2

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide organized softball for the girls within the Newport League boundaries. This organization is operated to provide fellowship, recreational benefits, and physical exercise for girls, with special emphasis placed on participation and sportsmanship.

ARTICLE II LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 2.1

Board of Directors The governing authority of the Newport Girls Softball League shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, and at large board members (not to exceed 16). The Parks and Recreation Department's Athletic Supervisor or appointed representative shall serve as an ex-official member of the Board. Members of the Board of Directors must be 18 years old and Association members must be at least 16 years old.

2.1a The League shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, and at large board members at an Association member meeting prior to January 1. Nominations and voting for these positions may only be made by ***Amendment 17.53*** association members in good standing. Public notice (i.e. newspaper, radio) of the meeting date, time, location and purpose must be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

2.1b Officers shall serve until the following year's elections and are eligible for re-election.

2.1c ***Amendment 17.46*** A quorum of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of Board of Directors is required to conduct business at any meeting and a majority vote shall prevail in all matters.

2.1d ***Amendment 17.54*** In the case of a dispute involving any Board Member, the remaining League officers shall appoint an intermediary from the remaining League officers to oversee the proceeding.

SECTION 2.2

Committees One (1) standing committee shall serve the League: The Protest Committee. At the discretion of the Board, additional committees may be formed in order to better serve the League.

2.2a The Protest Committee shall consist of League President and two (2) board members chosen by the President and not directly involved with the protest.

2.2b Other committees shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall serve until the following year's election. Committees shall have a minimum of three (3) members.

SECTION 2.3

Managers and Coaches The Board of Directors will select league managers and coaches. The Board will be guided by the following criteria:

2.3a Managers must be at least 21 years of age. ***Amendment 17.9***
Amendment Coaches must be at least 16 and must be at least two years older than the highest age in the division in which they will be coaching. ***Amendment 17.55b Coaches may not be players from another League team.

2.3b Prospect must have completed a Volunteer Coach's Application.

2.3c ***Amendment 17.22*** Managers and coaches are required to complete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification online program and provide evidence of satisfactory completion to the League Secretary prior to coaching in any game.

2.3d They must be in good standing in their district and, if a returning manager or coach, in good standing (both in character and financially) with the League.

2.3e They must have good leadership qualities.

2.3f Each year a returning manager must submit a new application and be in good standing, at which time they may be allowed to return to their age division from the previous season without being voted on. Managers and coaches from the previous season will remain with the team they managed or coached the previous season, if they so desire, and if they are in good standing with the League. If there are more returning managers than there are teams for a particular age group, the Board will vote to determine which manager will be assigned a team. ***Amendment 17.23*** A manager leaving a team vacancy will not be automatically filled by a coach who coached

under the vacating manager. A returning coach wishing to become the team manager must submit an application, be in good standing, and be elected as manager by the Board of Directors. NOTE: If there is more than one applicant for a manager or coaching vacancy, the Board shall choose the applicant they deem best suited for the position. In the event that there is no discernible difference in the applicant's qualifications, the Board will direct that the applicants work together. If either refuse to do so, the position will be given to the applicant decided solely by the board.

2.3g ***Amendment 17.6*** Officers of Newport Girls Softball are eligible to serve as team Managers.

2.3h ***Amendment 17.77*** Must be dedicated to their assigned team.

SECTION 2.4

Association Members The association shall consist of concerned adults interested in furthering the goals of the Newport Girls Softball League. A registration fee of \$5.00 will be required for those individuals desiring to participate, which will be set aside to assist in funding All-Stars and tournament fees. Those joining the Association will have the right to vote in League elections and participate in all league events.

2.4a *** Amendment 17.10 *** Board Members, managers and coaches must be Association Members. Board Members must pay their registration fee at the next meeting after elections. Managers and coaches must pay their fee when assigned to a team by the Board of Directors. No one may vote unless their fees are paid in full.

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 3.1

President

The League President shall preside at all Board of Directors' meetings and perform the following duties:

3.1a Ensure that the League fulfills its obligations as listed in the Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Parks and Recreation Department.

3.1b Ensure that the League Officers, managers, coaches and committee members fulfill their duties and responsibilities as outlined in the League Bylaws.

3.1c Recruit an adequate number of managers and coaches.

3.1d Ensure that the league has sufficient sponsors to conduct business.

Amendment 17.65

3.1e Organize appropriate committees for the upcoming season.

3.1f Attend meetings with the District 5 Commissioner and local league presidents for inter-locking games. ***Amendment 17.24***

3.1g Organize necessary fund-raising activities.

3.1h Work with the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure that all League bylaws and Parks and Recreation policies and procedures are adhered to.

3.1i Submit recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning suspensions of players, managers and coaches as decided by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3.2

Vice-President

The League Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

SECTION 3.3

Secretary

The League Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for obtaining insurance quotes for the current year and preparing the insurance applications.

The Secretary will also be responsible for preparing the following official documents:

3.3a Team rosters, with copies presented to all managers in the appropriate age division.

3.3b League documents including Continuation of Charter, Babe Ruth Cards ***Amendment 17.25***, and official team rosters and make sure that all copies are forwarded to the correct persons prior to the deadline.

3.3c State Games applications and rosters.

3.3d ***Amendment 17.26*** Delete entirely

3.3e Notify Officers and Board Members of meetings.

SECTION 3.4

Treasurer

The League Treasurer shall keep accurate account of all money received and paid out. He/she shall deposit all money in the name of and to the credit of the Newport Girls Softball League. ***Amendment 17.47*** The Treasurer shall disburse money only under the direction of an officer in direct compliance with the guidelines set forth by these bylaws and any State Laws governing this organization or upon the Board of Director's approval. *** Amendment 17.11 *** Two (2) Officers at the direction of the President shall authorize all checks. The Treasurer will

keep receipts for all money paid out or received. No money shall be spent or received without accurate accounting information regarding each transaction. Each month, the Treasurer will submit to the Board of Directors a monthly financial report, all current receipts, bills, bank statements, checkbook registers and all other current financial information. The Treasurer will submit a final report and all other financial information, as listed above, to the Board of Directors within two (2) weeks of the completion of the season. A financial report will then be submitted to the Carteret County Parks and Recreation Department. Additional copies will be furnished to any Association member in good standing that so desires.

SECTION 3.5

Player Agent

The Player Agent shall serve as a liaison between the President and the team managers and shall perform the following duties:

- 3.5a** Verify eligibility of players. After verification of players, all registration forms are to be turned in to the secretary for filing.
- 3.5b** Assist in recruiting coaches.
- 3.5c** Organize the player draft.
- 3.5d** Arbitration issues involving children with special needs.

SECTION 3.6

Sergeant at Arms

Amendment 17.66Deleted in its entirety ***Amendment 17.78***

ARTICLE IV STANDING COMMITTEES' DUTIES

SECTION 4.1

Protest Committee The Protest Committee will provide a method for the handling of disputes between teams within the League. Protests will be handled in accordance with the following stipulations:

- 4.1a** The Committee will meet after a protest has been properly submitted to the Board of Directors.
- 4.1b** It shall be the Committee's job to determine if the protest is valid, if there has been a misinterpretation of the playing rules, or if an ineligible player has been used.
- 4.1c** If the protest is determined by the Committee to be valid, the Committee will then decide on the appropriate action to be taken in order to rectify the problem.

4.1d All actions of the Committee are final.

ARTICLE V MANAGERS' AND COACHES DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 5.1

Managers and coaches will perform the following duties:

5.1a Complete a Coach's Application and submit it to the Board of Directors PRIOR to being eligible to manage or coach.

5.1b ***Amendment 17.27*** Managers and coaches are required to complete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification online program and provide evidence of satisfactory completion to the League Secretary prior to coaching in any game.

5.1c Allow only the manager, three (3) assistant coaches and eligible players to occupy the field during games. **5.1d** Properly maintain all equipment issued by the League and promptly return it at the close of the season. ***Amendment 17.64***

5.1d Ensure that any child practicing or playing on their team has registered and is on the team roster prior to allowing the child to go on the field. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in a vote taken by the league officers to determine disciplinary action. All Board members will be notified of any action taken within 48 hours.

5.1e Attend a minimum of three fourths (3/4) of his/her practices and games.

5.1f Prepare and maintain field readiness before and after practice and before and after each assigned game. Managers and coaches of consecutive games assist each other in field preparation before and after their games. ***Amendment 17.56***

SECTION 5.2

Managers and coaches are responsible for:

5.2a Providing a fun and educational experience that emphasizes participation, fair play, and sportsmanship.

5.2b Team conduct at all times when gathered as a team.

5.2c Setting a positive example for all team members.

5.2d Not consuming alcohol or illegal drugs prior to and during practices or games.

5.2e Not using tobacco products on the playing field at any time.

5.2f Not using profane language during games or practices.

5.2g Active team participation in League fundraisers.

5.2h Adhering to the Volunteer Coach’s Agreement.

ARTICLE VI SPONSORS

SECTION 6.1

Sponsors may be secured by the League management as a means of assisting to underwrite the cost of running the League. Sponsors will be guided by the following stipulations

6.1a. Sponsors will have no voice in the operation of the League.

6.1b. Sponsors may not promote products or activities that are detrimental to the welfare of the community.

6.1c Sponsors must be aware that all donations become the property of the League.

6.1d *** Amendment 17.12 *** Team sponsor donations are due by March 31.

6.1e *** Amendment 17.76 *** League sponsorships can be accepted at any time.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

SECTION 7.1

The League shall be operated as a non-profit organization. No person shall financially benefit as a result of volunteer work rendered for the League.

SECTION 7.2

The finances of the League shall be directed in a way that will not give any team an advantage over any other team or teams.

SECTION 7.3

League Financial Responsibilities The League shall provide the following:

7.3a Certified game officials for all regular season and League tournament games.

7.3b Softballs for all regular season and League tournaments.

7.3c Equipment - two (2) batting helmets ***Amendment 17.68*** and catcher’s gear, ***Amendment 17.28*** ***Amendment 17.69***. Teams in the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U age groups will be provided with one (1) Game Face pitcher safety device which must be worn by the pitcher while doing live pitching during any and all practices and

games. *** Amendment 17.70 *** 6U and 8U teams will be provided two (2) bats for infield use.

7.3d Liability and accident insurance.

7.3e Team sanction fees.

7.3f Uniforms. ***Amendment 17.29*** ***Amendment 17.48*** Team jerseys, ***Amendment 17.71 *** one (1) pair of socks and one (1) belt will be provided by the League.

SECTION 7.4

The League shall derive its income from the following sources:

7.4a Registration fees

7.4b League fundraisers ***Amendment 17.30*** No individual regular season team under Newport Girls Softball League's charter may do any fundraising in the name of the League without prior Board approval. If approved, the entire amount of funds raised will be turned over to the League Treasurer in order to pay for necessary team items for the benefit of the individual team who raised the funds with any remainder becoming League property. No individual team fundraiser approved by the Board will be allowed to commence until after the conclusion of the League organized fundraiser or the Annual Pig Cookin' Contest, whichever occurs later.

7.4c Concessions

SECTION 7.5

Expenditures of league funds shall use the following guidelines ***Amendment 17.51***

7.5a League related expenditures by League Officers up to \$100 may be reimbursed without prior approval from a majority of League Officers. If the requested reimbursement is questioned as "league related," procedures from

7.5b will be followed. 7.5b League related expenditures over \$100 and up to \$500 require approval from a majority of the League Officers prior to purchase and/or reimbursement.

7.5c League related expenditures above \$500 require approval of a majority of the League Officers and the League Board of Directors prior to purchase. Exceptions to this limit are league charter and insurance fees. These fees must be approved by a majority of the League Officers.

7.5d League Officers or their (League Affiliated) designee may use the league debit card for league related expenditures (including, but not limited to, uniforms, tournament expenses, concessions supplies, and league equipment) with prior approval of a majority of the League Officers.

SECTION 7.6

Guidelines for league bank and credit accounts ***Amendment 17.52***

7.6a The League Treasurer shall have full access to all league accounts.

7.6b The League President, or another League Officer, shall be designated annually as the alternate authorized account user for all accounts in case of an emergency with the League Treasurer. This access shall only be used in extreme circumstances and only with the approval of a majority of the League Board of Director' vote.

7.6c The League Treasurer shall maintain possession of all league credit and debit cards when not in use.

7.6d No league debit card shall be used without prior approval of a majority of the League Officers.

ARTICLE VIII ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 8.1

The Newport Girls' Softball League is open to all youth that are residents within *** Amendment 17.13 *** the League's boundaries as set by the District 5 Commissioner.

SECTION 8.2

Participants' age division will be determined by rule 0.02, paragraph 2 of the current Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations. Age divisions will be as follows:

8.2a Rookie Division 4 to 8

8.2b Minor Division 10 and under

8.2c Major Division 12 and under

8.2d Junior Division 16 and under

SECTION 8.3

A participant with a physical or mental handicap may participate out of his/her age division upon written approval from the Parks and Recreation Department. In order to receive approval, the following procedures are used:

8.3a Written recommendation from the child's physician or physical therapist must be submitted to the Board at least one (1) week prior to the draft. The recommendation must provide explicit documentation relating to the child's handicap and why it would be in the child's best interest for him/her to play out of their age division.

8.3b If the child’s physical abilities are at any time judged by the League President and presiding Board Members to be far superior to those of the age division she is playing in, and the child would benefit from moving up to the next age division, then with her parents’/guardians’ approval, she will be moved up to the next age division.

Amendment 17.31

8.3c *** Amendment 17.14 *** A player that demonstrates superior abilities during the draft and may be eligible to move up to the next age division. ***Amendment 17.49*** The Player Agent will then meet with the child’s parent(s) and decide what division the player will be assigned to. ***Amendment 17.32***

SECTION 8.4

Participants may lose their eligibility to play during the current season for the following reasons:

8.4a Actions or attitudes, which are found by the League’s Board of Directors to be detrimental to the team and to the League. ***Amendment 17.33***

8.4b Quitting the team during the season.

8.4c ***Amendment 17.3*** ***Amendment 17.18*** Deleted in its entirety.

ARTICLE IX DRAFT PROCEDURE

SECTION 9.1

The player draft will be conducted each year at a time and location designated by the League officers.

SECTION 9.2

Everyone registered must participate in the draft

9.2a EXCEPTION: Returning players who are still eligible to play in the same age division are allowed to return to the team they played on last year if and only if the previous manager is returning in the same age division. In this case the player is exempted from the draft.

9.2b *** AMENDMENT 17.72 *** Any player wishing to move up must attend both age group drafts to be assessed appropriately. SECTION 9.3 Everyone registered must be present on draft day.

9.3a EXCEPTION: If a participant is unavoidably out of town or sick on the draft date, the participant’s parent/guardian must contact any Board Member by the draft date.

SECTION 9.4

The draft session must include a period where participants are allowed an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities.

SECTION 9.5

Managers will draft only from registered players.

SECTION 9.6

Amendment 17.73 Two-sided coin toss will decide the first pick in the draft.

9.6a EXCEPTION: Drafts that include expansion teams will be conducted in the following manner:

- 1) Expansion teams will receive the first three picks from the draft.
- 2) The draft will then continue with the expansion team(s) picking first and the returning teams ***AMENDMENT 17.74 *** will draft per outcome of coin toss.
- 3) If there is more than one (1) expansion team, the order of their selection will be decided by the toss of a coin.

SECTION 9.7

Once drafted, a player is obligated to the team that selected her for the duration of the year. There will be no trading of players. ***Amendment 17.7*** If a player decides to enter the draft the following year, she must state her intentions at the time of registration for that year.

9.7a *** Amendment 17.75*** EXCEPTION: If trade is beneficial to the situation of the player, a trade will be considered by the President and Player Agent.

SECTION 9.8

The child of a Manager shall automatically be assigned to his/her team and will count as the team's 2nd draft choice. Additional children shall count as the next consecutive draft picks.

SECTION 9.9

The sister of a player in the same age division already on a team shall automatically be assigned to the same team unless specified otherwise by the parents/guardians and shall count as the team's 3rd round pick. ***Amendment 17.57***

SECTION 9.10

The draft will continue until all teams have twelve (12) players (any combination of returning and drafted players) on their rosters. Once a team has a minimum of twelve (12) players and a maximum of fifteen (15) players on its roster, it will no longer participate in the draft.

SECTION 9.11

After the draft and prior to the registration deadline (two weeks before the first game), any additional players registering, even if they were on a team last year, will be added to teams in

the appropriate draft order. New players registering after the draft must register with any League Officer prior to attending their first practice. At that time, the player will be assigned to the team that is next in the draft order. Any manager allowing a child, not on the team roster, to practice or play with the team will be subject to disciplinary action (including suspension from coaching in the League).

SECTION 9.12

When a new manager or coach, with a child on an established team, elect to move to a new team the original team will be compensated by a third-round draft pick.

SECTION 9.13

Amendment 17.15 All rosters will be turned over to the League President or Vice-President at the completion of the draft. Rosters must be approved by the League Officers before distribution to team managers and notification of players.

ARTICLE X REGULAR SEASON

SECTION 10.1

Amendment 17.34The League President or designee will schedule all games for Newport Girls' Softball League. ***Amendment 17.58***

SECTION 10.2

Amendment 17.35No team will play less than ten (10) regular season games.

SECTION 10.3

Scheduling conflicts must be given to the League President or designee at least one (1) week prior to the schedule being completed. ***Amendment 17.59*** No games will be rescheduled during the regular season except for inclement weather or conflicts with school functions. Any games rescheduled without permission of the League President will result in a double forfeit. ***Amendment 17.36***

SECTION 10.4

Practices

10.4a Pre-season practices will be limited to a maximum of three (3) days per week.

10.4b In-season practice will be limited to a maximum of two (2) days per week and a minimum of one (1) scheduled practice.

10.4c No practice will last longer than two (2) hours. ***Amendment 17.19***

10.4d No practices can be held unless a League approved coach is present.

10.4e At least two (2) adults, 18 years of age or older, must be present for practices to be held.

ARTICLE XI TOURNAMENTS

SECTION 11.1

The league will be a participant in Babe Ruth League sanctioned tournaments at the end of the regular season and other tournaments as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII ALL-STARS

SECTION 12.1

All-Stars will be chosen in each age group to participate in selected tournaments.

SECTION 12.2

There will be no All-Star tryouts. ***Amendment 17.5*** All-Star tournament team selection shall be accomplished by secret ballot. These ballots must be cast in person, kept in confidence, and presented to the Officers of the League. No proxy votes are permitted. ***Amendment 17.8*** The Manager and two (2) coaches for each team will vote for a minimum of twelve (12) players and a maximum of fifteen (15) players to represent their respective age divisions. The selected allstar manager will then decide how many players they wish to keep for their team with the minimum being twelve (12) and the maximum being fifteen (15). ***Amendment 17.50*** 12.2a ***Amendment 17.16*** The All-Star selections will be done in the presence of the League President or Vice-President AND the Player Agent. All-Star rosters must be approved by the League Officers before distribution to team managers and notification of players.

SECTION 12.3

Amendment 17.61 All-Star Managers will be selected by specific criteria determined by the Board Officers.***Amendment 17.20***

SECTION 12.4

All-Star rosters will be limited to fifteen (15) players, one (1) manager, and three (3) assistant coaches, pursuant to Babe Ruth Rules. ***Amendment 17.37*** ***Amendment 17.62***

SECTION 12.5

Amendment 17.38 If any Newport Girls Softball League All-Star team advances past the District Tournament, the league will give the team(s) a one-time assistance fee of five hundred

dollars (\$500.00) to be used for the remaining tournament trail. These funds will be used to offset the cost of hotels and meals for players, managers, and coaches only. A team representative must be appointed to handle the funds and must submit receipts along with a detailed accounting summary of the disbursement of all funds if requested by the Board of Directors. In the event that an All-Star team elects to participate in fundraising efforts in the name of the League in order to assist with tournament expenses, all remaining unused funds in any amount will be returned to the League with no exception.

ARTICLE XIII AWARDS

SECTION 13.1

Amendment 17.39 Players in all divisions are eligible for All-Stars so any medals or trophies will be paid for by parents who wish to provide their player with an end-of-season award. There will be no individual team fundraisers in the name of Newport Girls Softball League to pay for these awards without prior Board approval. (See Section 7.4b)

SECTION 13.2

Amendment 17.40 Deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 13.3

Amendment 17.60 Types and designs of awards are determined by League Officers.

ARTICLE XIV PROTESTS

SECTION 14.1

Protests may only be made for the following reasons:

14.1a Interpretation and application of the playing rules.

14.1b Use of an ineligible player. Protesting the judgment of an official is not permitted.

SECTION 14.2

To lodge protest, the protesting coach must immediately notify the official that he is protesting. The officials will then notify the opposing coach and the official scorekeeper that the game is continuing under protest. The scorekeeper will record the details of the game at the time of the protest (i.e., inning, team at bat, outs, etc.).

SECTION 14.3

A protest will not be considered unless the protesting manager or coach places it in writing on the proper form and submits it to a League Officer, along with a \$25.00 protest fee (cash or certified check only). If paid by check, the check is to be made payable to the Newport Girls Softball League by 8:00 p.m. the next working day following the protested game. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld, the fee will be deposited in the account of the Newport Girls Softball League.

ARTICLE XV CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

SECTION 15.1

The Board of Directors shall conduct themselves in a manner as to not bring disgrace upon them, the League or the Parks and Recreation Department. Conduct unbecoming of the Board of Directors will not be tolerated. The Board of Directors must follow the League's Code of Ethics and will adhere to the standards as stated on the Volunteer Coach's Agreement.

SECTION 15.2

Managers and coaches shall conduct themselves according to the standards as stated on the League's Code of Ethics.

SECTION 15.3

Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct as determined and documented by the game officials, shall be dealt with in the following manner:

15.3a Managers/Coaches - Must leave the site immediately. This means leaving the premises of the park where the game is being played. Failure to do so will result in the manager/coach being removed from their position as manager/coach. ***Amendment 17.41*** Any Manager or Coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be eligible to manage or coach an All-Star team during that same season. The ejected Coach or Manager may appeal this decision in writing to the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of being ejected from a game by an official, with the Board's decision being final. 1) First Unsportsmanlike Conduct Ejection The manager/coach will be suspended from managing/coaching in their team's next game. 2) Second Unsportsmanlike Conduct Ejection The manager/coach will be suspended from managing/coaching for the remainder of the season.

SECTION 15.4

Spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner so as to promote sportsmanship toward the participants. Any spectator not conducting him or herself in a sportsmanlike manner ***AMENDMENT 17.76 *** will have the following consequences: 1) First offense will result in a verbal warning from a Board Member; Board member must report this to the Executive Board

for record keeping. 2) Second offense will result in spectator being banned from all league activities for the rest of the season through the tournament trail.

ARTICLE XVI PLAYING RULES

SECTION 16.1

The Newport Girls' Softball League will play under Babe Ruth rules during the regular season.
Amendment 17.42

SECTION 16.2

Exceptions to the Official Babe Ruth rules are as follows:

16.2a All games will be limited to one and a half (1 ½) hours in length. The top half of an inning will not be started after the time limit has expired. If a game is tied after the time limit has expired, the game will be recorded as a tie game. ***Amendment 17.4***
Games called because of time limit will be considered a completed game regardless of the number of innings played. ***Amendment 17.43*** All interleague games (Newport vs. Newport) will be limited to one and a half (1 ½) hours in length. All interlocking games (Newport vs. another League) will be limited to one hour forty-five minutes or any time limit deemed sufficient by the District 5 Commissioner.

16.2b The game will be over if either team is ahead by 10 runs after four (4) complete innings of play (3 ½ if the home team is ahead).

16.2c With two (2) outs, a manager/coach may substitute a runner for the catcher if the catcher reaches base. ***Amendment 17.44*** The runner must be a player from the bench who is not currently in the lineup. If the team has 10 or fewer players, use the last player called out prior to the catcher reaching base.

16.2d MINOR and MAJOR DIVISION ONLY Games will be six (6) innings in length.

SECTION 16.3

All girls must play a minimum of two (2) innings in the field and have one (1) turn at bat. If the game is called for the ten-run rule after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the batting requirement may not be met and the player(s) must be in the starting lineup for the next scheduled game. Being used as a designated runner does not meet this requirement.

16.3a ***Amendment 17.17*** The minimum playing requirements of Section 16.3 will not apply to a player removed from the game by a coach or Official for disciplinary reasons or for unsportsmanlike conduct.

SECTION 16.4

Amendment 17.45 Teams may participate in an infield warm-up session on the field prior to the start of a game if allowed by the officials

SECTION 16.5

Pitchers will be allowed five (5) warm-up pitches.

SECTION 16.6

No throwing around the horn after outs.

ARTICLE XVII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 17.1

These Bylaws shall not be amended by an Officer.

SECTION 17.2

The Board of Directors may make amendments to the Bylaws only with a majority vote. Persons desiring to see changes in the Bylaws must submit their request in writing prior to the beginning of the next season. The request must include the proposed change and the reason why it should be changed. The Board will meet after elections are held to consider amendment requests.

SECTION 17.3

Amendment repealed. "Dual participation in other recreation softball leagues is not permitted."
Removed from the body of the Bylaws. (Section 8.4c)

SECTION 17.4

Games called because of the time limit will be considered a completed game regardless of the number of innings played. (Section 16.2a)

SECTION 17.5

All-Star tournament team selection shall be accomplished by secret ballot. These ballots must be cast in person, kept in confidence, and presented to the Officers of the League. No proxy votes are permitted. (Section 12.2)

SECTION 17.6

Officers of Newport Girls Softball are eligible to serve as team Managers. (Section 2.3g - 13 Sept 1998)

SECTION 17.7

If a player decides to enter the draft the following year, she must state her intentions at the time of registration for that year. Delete the exception paragraph that stated there must be player/coach personality conflict before player may re-enter draft. (Section 9.7)

SECTION 17.8

The Manager and two (2) coaches for each team will vote for a minimum of 13 players and a maximum of 15 players to represent their respective age divisions. The selected all-star manager will then decide how many players they wish to keep for their team with the minimum being 13 and the maximum being 15. (Section 12.2)

SECTION 17.9

Coaches of 16U and 12U division teams must be 18 years of age. Coaches of 10U and Rookie division teams may be 16 years old. Coaches may not be players from another League team. (Section 2.3a – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.10

Board Members, managers and coaches must be Association Members. Board Members must pay their registration fee at the next meeting after elections. Managers and coaches must pay their fee when assigned to a team by the Board of Directors. (Section 2.4a – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.11

Two (2) Officers at the direction of the President shall authorize all checks. (Section 3.4 – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.12

Team sponsor donations are due by March 31. (Section 6.1d – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.13

The Newport Girls' Softball League is open to all youth that are residents within the League's boundaries as set by the District 5 Commissioner. Deleted the second sentence referencing the elementary school district. (Section 8.1 – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.14

A player that demonstrates superior abilities during the draft, and may be eligible to move up to the next age division, will remain with the age division she is supposed to be in for the first four (4) practices. The League President, Vice-President and the Player Agent will observe her during this time. These League Officials will then meet with the child's parent(s) and decide what division the player will be assigned to. (Section 8.3c – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.15

All rosters will be turned over to the League President or Vice-President at the completion of the draft. Rosters must be approved by the League Officers before distribution to team managers and notification of players. (Section 9.13 – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.16

The All-Star selections will be done in the presence of the League President or Vice-President AND the Player Agent. All-Star rosters must be approved by the League Officers before distribution to team managers and notification of players. (Section 12.2a – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.17

The minimum playing requirements of Section 16.3 will not apply to a player removed from the game by a coach or Official for disciplinary reasons or for unsportsmanlike conduct. (Section 16.3a – 10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.18

Amendment 17.3 is repealed. (10 Oct 2001)

SECTION 17.19

No practice will last longer than two (2) hours. (Section 10.4c – 18 Nov 2002)

SECTION 17.20

The Newport regular season champion (based on Newport played games only) will have the first option to manage the All-Star Team. (Section 12.3 – November 11, 2003)

SECTION 17.21

Delete: "Carteret County Parks and Recreation Departments" Add: "This organization shall be known as Newport Girls Softball League." (Section 1.1 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.22

Add: "are required to complete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification online program and provide evidence of satisfactory completion to the League Secretary" Delete: "must complete a Parks and Recreation Dept. coaches' clinic" (Section 2.3c – February 2009)

SECTION 17.23

Add: A manager leaving a team vacancy will not be automatically filled by a coach who coached under the vacating manager. A returning coach wishing to become the team manager must submit an application, be in good standing, and be elected as manager by the Board of Directors. (Section 2.3f – February 2009)

SECTION 17.24

Attend meetings with the District 5 Commissioner and local league presidents for inter-locking games. (Section 3.1f – February 2009)

SECTION 17.25

Add: Bath Ruth Cards (Section 3.3b – February 2009)

SECTION 17.26

Delete: SWAC rosters for tournaments. (Section 3.3d – February 2009)

SECTION 17.27

Add: “are required to complete and pass the Babe Ruth Coaching Certification online program and provide evidence of satisfactory completion to the League Secretary” Delete: “Successfully complete the Parks and Recreation Department’s coaches’ training program.” (Section 5.1b – February 2009)

SECTION 17.28

Add: “and two (2) bats. Teams in the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U age groups will be provided with one (1) Game Face pitcher safety device which must be worn by the pitcher while doing live pitching during any and all practices and games.” (Section 7.3c – February 2009)

SECTION 17.29

Uniforms consisting of a team jersey and optional visor. Players are responsible for purchasing their own team socks and shorts. (Section 7.3f – February 2009)

SECTION 17.30

Add: No individual regular season team under Newport Girls Softball League’s charter may do any fundraising in the name of the League without prior Board approval. If approved, the entire amount of funds raised will be turned over to the League Treasurer in order to pay for necessary team items for the benefit of the individual team who raised the funds with any remainder becoming League property. No individual team fundraiser approved by the Board will be allowed to commence until after the conclusion of the League organized fundraiser or the Annual Pig Cookin’ Contest, whichever occurs later. (Section 7.4b – February 2009)

SECTION 17.31

Delete: “Board of Directors or the Parks and Recreation Department’s Athletic Supervisor” Add: “the League President and presiding Board Members” (Section 8.3b – February 2009)

SECTION 17.32

Delete: will remain with the age division she is supposed to be in for the first four (4) practices. The League President, Vice President, and Player Agent will observe her during this time.” (Section 8.3c – February 2009)

SECTION 17.33

Delete: “or the athletic supervisor.” (Section 8.4a – February 2009)

SECTION 17.34

Delete: “Carteret County Parks and Recreation Department.” Add: “League President” (Section 10.1 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.35

Delete: "twelve (12)" Add: "ten (10)" (Section 10.2 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.36

Delete: "the Parks and Recreation Department." Add: "the League President" (1st sentence)
Delete: "(a scheduled completion date will be set at the annual organization meeting)" Add:
"League President" (last sentence) (Section 10.3 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.37

Delete: "and 1 scorekeeper/bat person." Add: "pursuant to Babe Ruth Rules." (Section 12.4 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.38

If any Newport Girls Softball League All-Star team advances past the District Tournament, the league will give the team(s) a one-time assistance fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be used for the remaining tournament trail. These funds will be used to offset the cost of hotels and meals for players, managers, and coaches only. A team representative must be appointed to handle the funds and must submit receipts along with a detailed accounting summary of the disbursement of all funds if requested by the Board of Directors. In the event that an All-Star team elects to participate in fundraising efforts in the name of the League in order to assist with tournament expenses, all remaining unused funds in any amount will be returned to the League with no exception. (Section 12.5)

SECTION 17.39

Delete: "Trophies, medals or plaques are to be given to all players in the Rookie Division" Add:
"Players in all divisions are eligible for All-stars so any medals or trophies will be paid for by parents who wish to provide their player with an end-of-season award. There will be no individual team fundraisers in the name of Newport Girls Softball League to pay for these awards without prior Board approval. (See Section 7.4b)" (Section 13.1 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.40

Delete: "All trophies, medals, plaques and certificates are to be financed by the League. The Parks and Recreation Department will finance all awards given for countywide tournaments."
deleted in its entirety (Section 13.2 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.41

Add: Any Manager or Coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be eligible to manage or coach an All-Star team during that same season. The ejected Coach or Manager may appeal this decision in writing to the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of being ejected from a game by an official, with the Board's decision being final. (Section 15.3a – February 2009)

SECTION 17.42

Delete: "League/county tournaments and SWAC tournaments will be played under the rules of the sanctioning authority. (Section 16.1 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.43

Add: All inter-league games (Newport vs. Newport) will be limited to one and a half (1 ½) hours in length. All interlocking games (Newport vs. another League) will be limited to one hour forty-five minutes or any time limit deemed sufficient by the District 5 Commissioner. (Section 16.2a – February 2009)

SECTION 17.44

Delete: "shall" (first sentence) Add: "may" (first sentence) (Section 16.2c – February 2009)

SECTION 17.45

Delete: "No infield practice will be conducted during a game." Add: "Teams may participate in an infield warm-up session on the field prior to the start of a game if allowed by the officials." (Section 16.4 – February 2009)

SECTION 17.46

Delete: "Members of the Board of Directors that attend the meeting shall constitute a quorum"
Add: "A quorum of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of Board of Directors is required to conduct business" (Section 2.1c – 20 November 2016)

SECTION 17.47

Delete: "the President." Add: "an officer in direct compliance with the guidelines set forth by these bylaws and any State Laws governing this organization or upon the Board of Director's approval. (Section 3.4 – 20 November 2016)

SECTION 17.48

Delete: "Uniforms Consisting of a team jersey and optional visor. Players are responsible for purchasing their own team socks and shorts." Add: "Team jerseys will be provided by the League." (Section 7.3f – 20 November 2016)

SECTION 17.49

Delete: "These League Officials" Add: "The Player Agent" (Section 8.3c – 20 November 2016)

SECTION 17.50

Delete: "thirteen (13)" Add: "twelve (12)" (Section 12.2 – 20 November 2016)

SECTION 17.51

Add all of section 7.5 (a,b,c,&d) (Section 7.5 – 22 January 2018)

SECTION 17.52

Add all of section 7.6 (a,b,c,&d) (Section 7.– 22 January 2018)

SECTION 17.53

Delete: “will be derived from”. Add: “may only be made by” (Section 2.1a - 10, December 2018)

SECTION 17.54

Add 2.1d to section 2.1 (Section 2.1 - 10 December 2018)

SECTION 17.55

17.55a Delete: “18”. Add: “21” 17.55b Delete: “Coaches of 16U and 12U division teams must be 18 years of age. Coaches of 10U and Rookie division teams may be 16 years old.” Add: “Coaches must be at least 16 and must be at least two years older than the highest age in the division in which they will be coaching.” (Section 2.3a - 10 December 2018)

SECTION 17.56

Add 5.1f to section 5.1 (Section 5.1 - 10 December 2018)

SECTION 17.57

Add “in the same age division” to section 9.9 (Section 9.9 - 10 December 2018)

SECTION 17.58

Add “or designee” after “President” (Section 10.1 – 10 December 2018) SECTION 17.59 Add “or designee” after “President” (Section 10.3 – 10 December 2018)

SECTION 17.60

Add section 13.3 (Section 13.3 – 10 December 2018).

SECTION 17.61

Delete: “The Newport regular season champion (based on Newport played games only) will have the first option to manage the All-Star Team. He/she will have the option of selecting coaches from any team in the same division.” Add “All-Star Managers will be selected by specific criteria determined by the Board Officers” to section 12.3 (Section 12.3 – 10 December 2018)

SECTION 17.62

Change “two (2)” to “three (3)” (Section 12.4 – 10 February 2019) change per Babe Ruth Rule Changes for 2019

SECTION 17.63

Delete” Members of this league shall live within the established boundaries as required by Babe Ruth rules. The District 5 Babe Ruth Commissioner shall furnish the boundaries annually.” (Section 1.1 10 February 2019) due to babe Ruth Rule Changes for 2019.

SECTION 17.64

Change “two (2)” to “three (3)” (Section 5.1c – 10 February 2019) change per Babe Ruth Rule Changes for 2019.

SECTION 17.65

Change “each team has a sponsor” to “the league has sufficient sponsors to conduct business.”(Section 3.1d – 14 January 2020)

SECTION 17.66

Add section 3.6 (Section 3.6 – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.67

Add section 6.1e (Section 6.1e – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.68

Change “three (3)” to “two (2)” (Section 7.3c – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.69

Delete “and two (2) bats” (Section 7.3c – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.70

Added “6U and 8U teams will be provided two (2) bats for infield use.” (Section 7.3c – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.71

Added “one (1) pair of socks and one (1) belt” (Section 7.3f – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.72

Added Section 9.2b “Any player wishing to move up must attend both age group drafts to be assessed appropriately.” (Section 9.2b – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.73

Change” Teams will draft in the reverse order of their regular season finish from the previous year.” to “Two-sided coin toss will decide the first pick in the draft.” (Section 9.6 – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.74

Change “picking in reverse order of their regular season finish from the previous season. (Example: Team A finished 3rd in the League last year. Team B finished 6th. Team B will pick after the expansion team, and then Team A will pick.” to “will draft per outcome of coin toss.” (Section 9.6 a 2) – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.75

Added "EXCEPTION: If trade is beneficial to the situation of the player, a trade will be considered by the President and Player Agent." (Section 9.7a – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.76

Change "shall be removed from the site for the remainder of the day/night. Persistent problems with a particular spectator(s) may result in the spectator(s) being banned from the League's games for the remainder of the season." "will have the following consequences: First offense will result in a verbal warning from a Board Member; Board member must report this to the Executive Board for record keeping. Second offense will result in spectator being banned from all league activities for the rest of the season through the tournament trail." Section 15.4 – 14 January 2020).

SECTION 17.77

Added Section 2.3h "Must be dedicated to their assigned team." (Section 2.3h – 14 January 2020)

SECTION 17.78

Amendment 17.66 is repealed (Section 3.6 - 6 January 2022)

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